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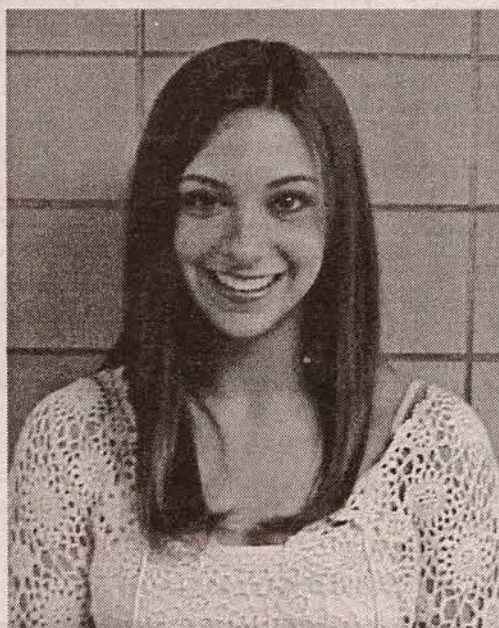
A dream come true at SHS

BY CASSIE NYKTAS

Congratulations to Amy Boyer who was crowned basketball homecoming queen 2003 at the Sam-Canfield homecoming game. Amy was escorted by Judson Smith.

"A dream is a wish your heart makes" was the *Cinderella* inspired theme of this year's homecoming dance. The dance was held on Saturday, January 18, the day after the basketball homecoming game. The ball started at 8:00pm and ended by 11:00pm, leaving just enough time to return home before the clock struck midnight. Admis-

sion to the dance (besides an invitation from the prince) was \$5 a person. Keeping with the *Cinderella* theme, girls attending the dance were encouraged to "wear that fairy tale dress at the back of their closet." This concept put an end to what was once a casual dance. The pep club, along with the help of club advisor Mrs. Heineman, sponsored the dance. The cafeteria was decorated with caricatures of the queen and her court as well as personal collages created of each girl. D.J. Ron Sharp provided the evening's music.



Aubrey Bailey, who participated in the Queen's Parade.

Salem cheerleader marches in London's Queen's parade

BY JON BUCKOSKI

Marching through the streets of London on the first day of a new year can be said to be "wonderful" for one SHS student.

Aubrey Bailey, a junior at SHS and a fifth year Salem cheerleader, spent one week touring England while participating in the Queen's Parade. Aubrey is also a thirteen-year member of Jamie's Dance Force competition dance team located in Poland, Ohio. She has participated in nation wide competitions in dance and also in regional meets in places such as Pittsburgh, Columbus, and Michigan. She has also been to national events in Las Vegas, Florida, and Ocean City. This past summer Aubrey won the Joanna Scianna dance scholarship for excellence in jazz, tap, and ballet while traveling to a convention in Virginia for finals in a solo scholarship audition. After high school Aubrey wishes to major in dance while attending a college in New York because New York affords the best opportunities for dancers and performers.

Selection for the parade was made through Aubrey's dance school and through the UCA (Universal Cheerleader Association). Some eight hundred females and thirty male cheerleaders participated in the parade while dancing to the classic Elvis Presley song of "I'm All Shook Up." Candidates for the trip were chosen at the yearly UCA cheerleading camp whereby girls must compete in the All-Star Try-outs to be considered for the parade. During tryouts participants must perform dances, cheers, jumps, and other routines which they learned during camp. The next day selection is made for those who are able to join the parade team. Those selected are then invited to participate in the parade and sent a video so that they are able to learn their specific routine portion in the parade.

Those who take the trip are then able to take tours in London with their parents to see important sites such as London Towers, Windsor Castle, Oxford, Westminster Abbey, and St. Catherine's Cathedral. Participants also attended a performance of the play *Fame*. After sightseeing, those in the parade practiced their routines during a few rehearsal sessions. Aubrey said she "felt honored to be in the Queen's Parade. It was one of the most exciting experiences in my life."

Aubrey's years of experience in dance and cheerleading have provided her with wonderful opportunities. She stated that she "just wants other cheerleaders to know what a great experience this is. This is an experience I will remember my whole life, along with the wonderful people I met."



Pictured above: front (left to right) Danielle Pash, Katie Hendershot, Taylor Hendricks. Second row: Sara DeCrow, Queen Amy Boyer, Nicole Eakin, and Tiffany Heestand

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News

S.A.M.

BY JON BUCKOSKI

Work has already begun on the planning stages of the 1.5 million dollar, 27,000 square foot Salem Athletic Multiplex which will be positioned on the west end of SHS. This will be the first new building at the high school location since its construction in 1958.

The Student Athletic Multiplex (S.A.M.) will house the needs of the expanding athletic programs at SHS which have nearly doubled within the past few decades. The new project will accommodate nearly all Salem team sports. Discussion for the new building began with complaints about the inadequacies of the current practice areas and the fact that there is a desperate need for more space. Also, the equipment which is now housed on the second floor of the gym puts a taxing load of weight on the floor, and these weight issues are also an area of concern. Other schools in the area have also recently built new training and athletic centers, and Salem feels it must keep itself at a certain caliber if it wishes to compete equally with other schools in the area.

The S.A.M center will be built between the baseball field and the auditorium and is to be constructed in stages with the weight room being the first priority. The 27,000 square foot facility will be composed of a gymnasium and basketball court including separate-sex locker rooms and also offices for coaches and athletic faculty. The center will house school sporting events and a training center. The facility may also be used for school dances and for other extracurricular club and class activities.

Funds for this expansion of SHS will be donated by either the Salem Athletic Boosters headed by President Ken Walter or by private individuals, local businesses and corporations. Fund raising has already begun with donations ranging from 1,000 dollars and escalating up to 50,000. Salem resident and SHS alumnus Bob Sebo recently donated a sum of 200,000 dollars which will be used to begin planning and constructing the new facility. Those people donating substantial money towards the project will also receive commemorative plaques that will be displayed in the new complex.

Through hard work and private initiative the S.A.M center should be a welcome improvement to SHS.

Bulletin board

- January 31- Senior Cap and Gown Orders
 - Project Support meeting
- February 6- Columbiana County Career Center vocational tour (interested students)
- February 7- Alliance vocational tour (interested students)
- February 10-14- Buddy pictures
- February 10- Band Boosters meeting
- February 11- Band concert
- February 12- All schedules due back to counselors
- February 13- Parent-Teacher conferences (evening)
- February 14 - Valentines Day
 - NO SCHOOL
 - Foreign language ski trip to Peek 'n Peak
- February 17- Presidents Day - NO SCHOOL
- February 18- Girls' Basketball Boosters meeting
- February 19- Athletic Boosters meeting
- February 21- Karaoke Dance
- February 22- Band Spaghetti Dinner
- February 24- Scheduling in sophomore English classes
- February 25- Scheduling in junior English classes
 - Choir Boosters meeting
- February 26- Scheduling in freshman English classes

Baker designs billboard

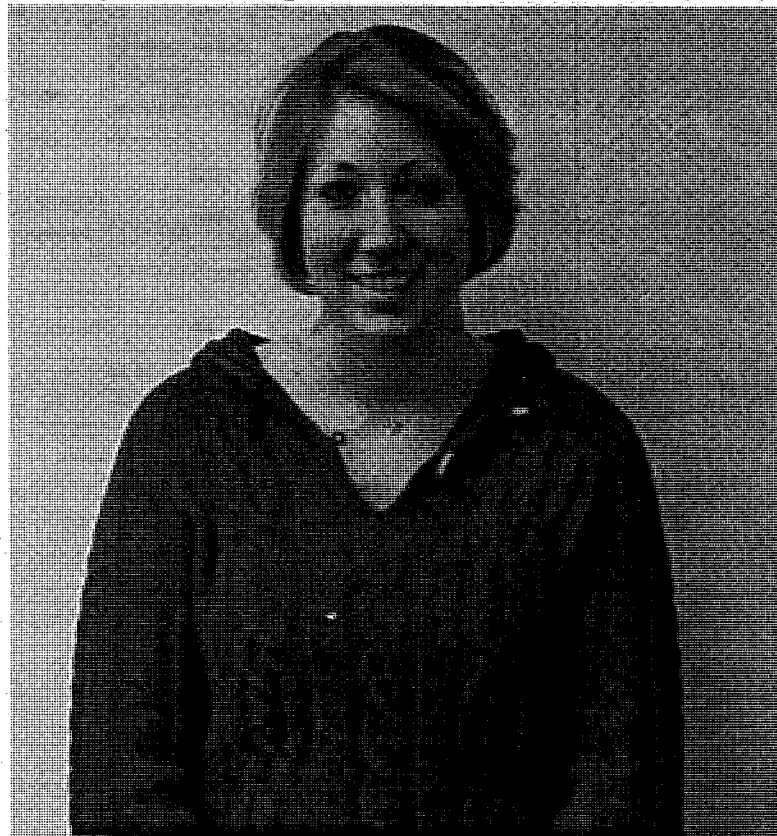
BY BETHANY BILLHAM

Kim Baker, a junior at SHS, recently won the National Scholastic Art and Writing Competition. Her poster was chosen to be featured on a billboard located on Rt. 14, east of Salem, and situated in the parking lot of Mason's Steakhouse.

Kim's poster features three hands displaying the sign of love in sign language. The hands are done in red, white, and blue with a star to pull each hand together.

There were over two hundred entries in the contest, and all entrants were competing for the opportunity to have their artwork featured on the billboard. Miss Yereb makes many of these art contests mandatory for all of her students, but they are used for a grade.

When Kim won the contest she was invited to an award assembly at the Butler Art Museum and was presented with a gold key.



Junior Kim Baker recipient of the National Scholastic Art and Writing Competition

Clubs and classes

- The machine trades program is building a custom motorcycle. The students are making the parts for this project using the skills they have learned.

- Tact held a Christmas party in December. Pictures are currently on display in the case by the library. A ski trip/ sled riding party is being planned for February.

- All foreign language clubs are taking a trip to Peek n' Peak for their annual ski trip on Friday, February 14. The due date for the money was January 10, and the money for the ski package option was due January 28.

- Mr. Baker's history classes were involved in a class project for the Great Depression. The students were required to present a visual aid as well as an outline to present to the class. Different topics were picked by the groups. These topics included the Social Securities Act, the FDIC, and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

- Students in Mrs. Conti's physics classes recently built rocket cars powered with balloons. They were built out of straws, cardboard, and coat hangers. Each finished model was to travel at least one meter. This project came about from a study of thrust.

- Mrs. Reed's German IV students created a slide show and video as a recent class project. This project was shared with third grade students at Buckeye Elementary School.

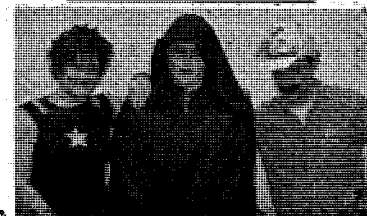
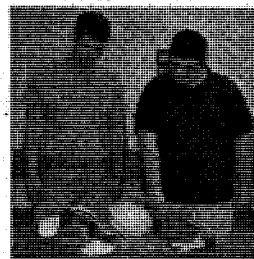
- Members of the girls' basketball team have been busy with some activities other than shooting techniques and line drills. Members of the team will be traveling to Buckeye and Riley Elementary Schools to read to students there. This opportunity is provided for the purpose of interaction with students at the elementary level.

- Students in Mr. Gill's web design class have been working with animation on the computers. These students are also responsible for keeping the school system's web site current regarding athletic activities, scores, etc.

- Members of the Class of 2003 recently ordered caps and gown in anticipation of graduation. Jostens representatives visited the cafeteria with items. Questions can still be addressed by contacting your Jostens representative. The phone number is included on the packet distributed to all seniors.

- Mrs. Moore's first aid students recently completed work with the AED device. This device shocks the heart to put it back into rhythm. Students learned how to use the device and earned certification in its use as well.

- Students in first semester theatre class completed their work with stage make-up prior to the end of the semester. Mr. Viencek instructs the students on proper techniques such as creating the look of an elderly person or creating scars. Students were then graded on their work.



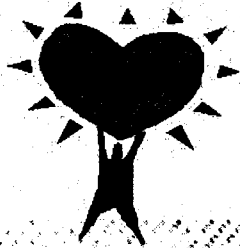
Taking a walk down lover's lane

BY RACHEL FINK

Walking down the hallways of SHS, what is the first thing you expect to see bright and early every morning? That's right, people's hands and lips all over one another as boyfriends and girlfriends confess their undying love with the whole student population watching. Public display of affection is a major way to let everyone know that you are hooked, but do people realize it's also a major violation of school policy not to mention a violation of respect toward your peers, authorities, and yourself?

Let's face it, many of us are guilty of PDA at least once in our lives, but when we see another couple expressing their feelings publicly, our first reaction is "Eew, that's disgusting." So what's the deal? People get a thrill out of the fact that they could get caught and the pure joy of everyone knowing that he is your guy or she is your girl. Then there are the cases where people just don't care what everyone else thinks and show their feelings just because they feel love for the other person. So how far is too far? It all depends on how the people around you feel. Take a look around and decide if your actions are affecting other people. Do they offend other people? If so, maybe you should reconsider the long passionate kiss while walking down lovers' lane (i.e. hallway connecting Miss Johnson's room with the vocational department) or blocking the middle of the hallways and the top or bottom of the stairs while lost deep on the lips of your partner.

While smooching with the love of your life (or the infatuation of your week), remember where you are and remember that the halls of SHS do not equal this weekend's make out party. There are consequences for these actions: the first time is a warning, the second time is four detentions, and the third time your parents are notified and you are subject to one Saturday session. Let's keep our hallways and classrooms clean and steam free!



Making your college search count: juniors attend assembly

BY BETHANY BILLHAM

Do you know what college you want to attend? Have you visited any college campuses? Do you know what your major might be? Do you have any idea of how you are going to pay for it? If you answered no to these questions then the past junior assembly was for you. Various sponsors including Monster, Educaid, Mentos, Price Waterhouse Coopers, NRCCUA, Fast Web, and Devry University presented a program geared for the juniors on making the most out of their college search. The "Making It Count" programs are scheduled through the guidance office. A Making High School Count assembly is presented to the freshman. Making Your College Search Count is the junior level program, and Making College Count is the program provided for seniors.

Scott Pugh presented the information to the junior class along with a variety of volunteers from the audience, visual aids, and plenty of free Mentos. Every attendee was given a useful magazine on all aspects of preparing to go to college.

The juniors were provided with many different tips on finding the college best for them. They also received a campus visit checklist containing various things a student should consider when they are visiting a college such as visiting the career center and asking tough questions until you get answers! Plan at least one half day at each

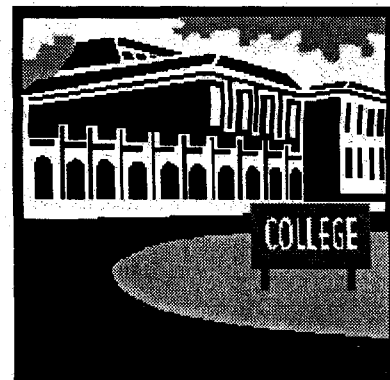


Juniors Semira Chowdhury and Liz Tussey glance through the brochure provided at the junior assembly.



Members of the junior class met in the auditorium to listen to speaker Scott Pugh present an informative assembly on preparing for college.

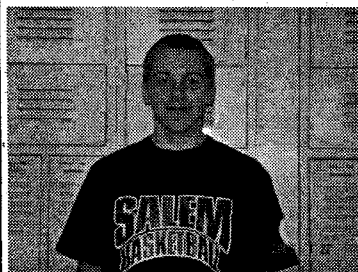
campus, and stay overnight, if possible. Visitations should take place when the school is in session, and prospective students should bring a journal and jot down their impressions. It is wise to arrange an interview with an admissions officer, take a campus tour, and talk with students and faculty. If time allows it is great to attend an extracurricular activity. Students and their parents should check out dorms, libraries, student unions, etc. This will be your home away from home so have a meal on campus, go to a class or two, and find out about campus activities. Take a really thorough look at the school you are visiting. More information on any aspect of preparing for college can be found on the making it count website www.makingitcount.com. Other useful sites include www.educaid.com the #1 site for financial aid, www.yourfuture.com the National Research Center for College and University admissions.



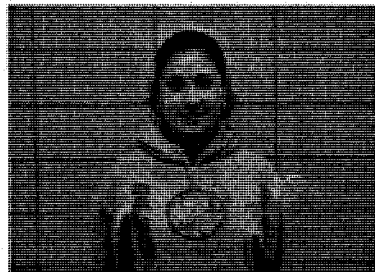
War of the Words

BY SEMIRA CHOWDHURY

Do you like reality shows? If you do, which one is your favorite? If not, which ones do you find most annoying?



Aaron McLaughlin (9) - "Yes, I like the *Real World*. I like this show because it is one of the more interesting reality shows that I've seen."



Alexis McKee (10) - "Yes, they're alright. I like the *Real World* the most, but I can't stand *Road Rules*. I think the fights are funny, but the games on *Road Rules* are too serious."



Jillian Barry (11) - "Uhh, no. They are ridiculous, and they were degrading towards women, and now with the *Bachelorette* it's degrading towards men. It's one of the most ludicrous ways to make money."



Richie Paxson (12) - "I don't really like them. I have never really watched one before, but I think they are really stupid."

Feature

Poet's corner

Midnight

All is still.
 Blue sky fades into night.
 Candles glimmer in church windows.
 Deserted streets
 Echo silence.
 Fog blurs the night.
 Grasshoppers, crickets and cicadas,
 Happy to see night fall,
 Initiate a midnight concert.
 Jolted out of slumber,
 Klouds drift with the wind,
 Lingering for a moment, and then puffing away.
 Moon watches all below slowly,
 Nodding off, and sinking,
 Off to the other side of Paradise.
 Quietly, the leaves stir,
 Rustling in their branches.
 Secret world of night unfolds,
 Trees partially lit
 Under the glow of a street lamp.
 Visible to no one, they
 Whisper to each other
 X'citedly, now that
 Yesterday is past, red sun
 creeping over the
 Zenith, bringing a new day.

Summer Evening

Streetlamps click on as the sun leaves
 The new night is alive with insects
 The atmosphere of a summer's eve.
 A cooling before the day to come next.

Liz Tussey

It's a senior thing

While it is only January, before you know it the months will have passed and June will have arrived. More specifically it will be Sunday, June 1 - graduation day! At this point in the year many of the seniors have been accepted to colleges and even visited campuses to schedule classes.

Looking to the future, seniors have been busy placing orders for caps and gowns and purchasing announcements to send to friends and family. Samples of the senior announcements as well as name cards, thank you notes, and other available items are currently posted in senior hall outside of the guidance suite. Jostens recently visited the school, and seniors were able to place orders then. However, if any senior did not meet these two deadlines, all hope is not lost. Jostens will accept mail and fax orders until February 5. There will be a \$10.00 late fee for any order received after February 5. If seniors or their parents have any further questions, these may be directed to Salem's Josten representative, Mr. Rich Kirbus - phone: 440-944-9636; fax:440-944-4884; or E-mail: kirbus@jostens.com.



Jared Mason and Mr. Rich Kirbus discuss graduation materials.



John Phanpheng, Townsend Smith, Russell Yoho, Chris Montford display some senior t-shirts.

Big Brothers and Big Sisters

BY SEMIRA CHOWDHURY



"Big Brother Zac Bennett enjoys an activity with his 'little brother.'"

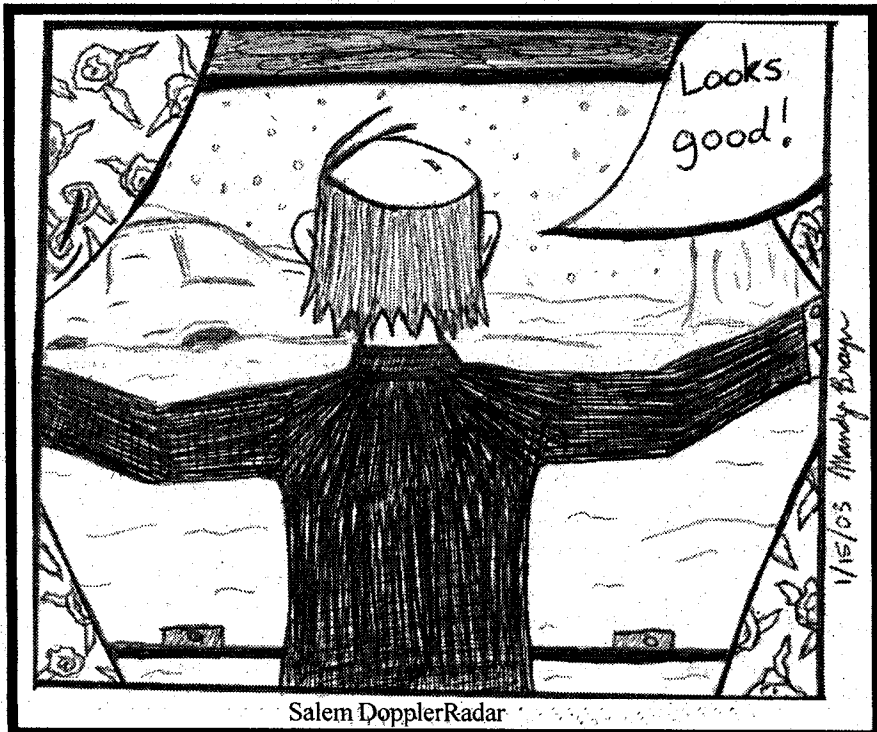
Big Brothers and Big Sisters is a community based organization to help individuals who want a one to one relationship with another young person. To be a Big Brother or Big Sister in high school one has to be at least sixteen years old and will be matched with a little sister or brother who is between the ages of six to eleven years of age. These young people will then spend time with a big brother or big sister and share a variety of activities with them as well.

At Salem High School, if a student wishes to participate in the program they must be sixteen years of age and be part of the Key Club or be nominated by Mr. Phillips. If gets chosen then they will be assigned to a child from Buckeye Elementary who they will play with or share activities with once a month. The times volunteers usually visit Buckeye are from 11:45 to 12:45. Mrs. Thayer, principal at the middle school, is in charge of the activities and the scheduling of when participants will get together. The Big Brother and Big Sister agency is in Columbiana County, and they may be contacted if further information is needed.

Salem High School students who are currently participating in this valuable program are Tessa Glista, Landon Heath, Sam Duckworth, Alyson Cotter, Sean Morrissey, Nicole Adamson, Semira Chowdhury, and Zach Bennett. Some of the projects that are planned for the future are the following: January 22 - big brother and big sister luncheon followed by playing board games and February 7 - luncheon followed by a session of making valentines.

Cartoon corner

BY BRAYN



Salem DopplerRadar

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Big Brother Sam Duckworth joins in the activity of decorating cookies with his "little brother" at Buckeye Elementary School.

How're yunz doin'?

BY LIZ TUSSEY

No one is quite sure where it comes from or how long it's been around. It inserts *r*'s where there are *s*'s and manages to compact multiple syllable words into one. It is an articulate language of the Pittsburghese. The dialect of that friendly city to the east has made its way into northeastern Ohio. Listen carefully to others when they talk about their trip to *Worshington*, or how upset they were that the *Stillers* lost. However, Pittsburgh is only one of many regions that have their own unique dialect.

Various regions across the United States have a variety of pronunciations that may seem odd to others. When traveling into the eastern parts of America, the servant will notice that the *r* and has been edited from all words. Harvard turns into *Havad* and a car turns into *caw*. Watching the movie *Fargo* familiarizes viewers with the lovely accent of the midwestern states.

Accents aren't the only equal peculiarities in America. Traveling across the country, the generalized name for carbonated beverages changes about four times. On the West Coast it is known as soda, in the Midwest it is commonly referred to as pop, and, finally, in the New England states it is called iced tea. Food is another matter of confusion in different parts of America. Here in Ohio one can enjoy a sub sandwich; however, when traveling to the East, it becomes a hero. Different ways to fix eggs are called by different things, as are references to food portions. Most Mississippians have never had a slice of pie.

Accents and word variations are another great part of living in a nation as unique as America. No matter where one goes, something new and different is waiting to be discovered.

Some Pittsburghese Favorites
 pop — A carbonated beverage
 slippy — Slippery
 porch — wash
 porch — porch
 downtown — Downtown
 you all — you all, a variation of 'y'all
 probably — probably
 The Steelers — The Steelers
 Did you eat yet? — 'et jet?
 No, did you? — No, did you?
 Sandwich — Sandwich
 Fire! — Fire!

When tragedy strikes

BY CHRIS FRANK

In a perfect world the sun would shine brightly everyday, the birds would chirp loudly from each and every tree, and everyone would be happy all of the time. There would be no abuse, no suffering, and no sadness. Unfortunately, we do not live in a perfect world. There are times when the sun does not always shine, the birds do not always sing, and there are times of suffering and sadness. For one member of our student body, the suffering and sadness is indescribable. On the night of Tuesday, January 8 Cameron Spoon's family was devastated by a fire in their mobile home that took the lives of three of his younger siblings and hospitalized other family members.

Cameron is a freshman here at Salem High School. Although many of us may not know him personally, we should all recognize him as a fellow classmate. He is one of us. In this time of unspeakable tragedy, I feel that we as a student body (and teachers) should come together and show our support for Cameron and his family. It's time that we put aside our differences and realize that maybe we aren't so different after all. Despite differing opinions, likes, dislikes, and ways of life, I'm sure that there are certain things that most of us have in common. Just think about this: How many of us like to play and/or watch sports? How many of us really don't like to study and take tests? How many of us would like to grow up and have a respectable job, good family, nice house, and maybe a nice car? My guess is that the answer to all three of these questions would be "most of us." See, it's not about what clothes we wear, how much money we have, or the grades we get; it's about forgetting all of that and accepting our classmates for who they are.

It shouldn't be that we help out only Cameron only now; we should help each other out each and every single day. The following are a few suggestions: say hi to someone that you know in the hallway, even if you haven't seen them for awhile; let someone borrow an extra pencil if you have one, and don't sweat it if you don't get it back; and take the time to talk to someone that you may not know or may have lost touch with—you would be surprised how much you might find out. These are just a few things to think about. It never hurts to make someone feel better, and little things can go a long way. Making

someone's day can actually be a pretty rewarding feeling. I am not saying that everyone will be friends all of a sudden; I doubt that will happen anytime soon. All I am saying is that we should let bygones be bygones and start showing more respect towards one another. Sooner or later, the respect and/or kindness you show to one another will be shown to you.

Now would be a nice time to start helping others by helping Cameron and his family through these hard times. How can you help? You can help in various ways. Monetary donations may be made to the Miller fund at any Sky Bank or the Jenkins/Miller fund at Consumers National Bank in Salem. You may also contact the Red Cross or Christopher Dawes at Gionino's Pizza on West State Street in Salem. Right now one of our classmates—one of us—needs your help. You can make a difference.

Then and now

BY LIZ TUSSEY



Does this face look familiar?

This teacher graduated from Clayton Valley High School in Concord, CA. This is only his second year teaching here at SHS.

His two favorite hobbies are bicycling and practicing his calligraphy. His favorite movie is *Beckett*.

He was a member of the Peace Corps.

This teacher has had many interesting things happen to him. While in college he had Ted Kaczynski as a calculus professor.

He is paternally of Cherokee heritage, and he was once on a hit list by a Cuban terrorist organization.

(Answer appears on back page)

Things to ponder

BETHANY BILLHAM

This month *Things to Ponder* features some of the dumbest things ever said by political leaders.

A zebra can not change its spots. - Vice President Al Gore

If you take out the killings, Washington actually has a very low crime rate. - Marion Barry, mayor of Washington, D.C.

Women are hard enough to handle now without giving them a gun. - Senator Barry Goldwater talking about women in the armed forces

The first black president will be a politician who is black. - L. Douglas Wilder, governor of Virginia

"You see, the Senate wants to take away some of the powers of the administrative branch." —George W. Bush

"The problem with the French is that they don't have a word for entrepreneur." —George W. Bush

"Sometimes when I sleep at night I think of (Dr. Seuss's) 'Hop on Pop.'" —George W. Bush, in a speech about childhood education, Washington, D.C., April 2, 2002

"Rarely is the question asked: Is our children learning?" —George W. Bush

"When Iraq is liberated, you will be treated, tried, and persecuted as a war criminal." —George W. Bush

"I think the American people—I hope the American—I don't think, let me—I hope the American people trust me." —George W. Bush

We need an energy bill that encourages consumption." —George W. Bush

There's an old saying in Tennessee—I know it's in Texas, probably in Tennessee—that says, fool me once, shame on—shame on you. Fool me—you can't get fooled again." —George W. Bush

(www.politicalhumor.com)

The Quaker Proposal on Student Expression

We, the staff of *The Quaker*, hereby acknowledge our responsibility to provide informative and entertaining reading pertaining to the students, staff, and parents of Salem Senior High School.

To make *The Quaker* a credible newspaper we will aim for accuracy and objectivity, with the truth being our ultimate goal. It is also our duty to make prompt corrections when necessary. However, we must also respect the rights of others while we gather and present news. We are not permitted to invade a person's right to privacy.

The Quaker staff encourages input from our readers in the form of stories, essays, letters, etc.

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Entertainment

Where did the pop music go?

BY SEMIRA CHOWDHURY

Do you remember in the late 90's how we had Nsync, Backstreet Boys, and other pop artists? Where have they gone?

Justin Timberlake went solo as most of us know. He has a new album called "Justified", and he released two songs called "Cry me a river" and "Like I love you." JC Chasez went solo also, and has a new song called "Blowin' Me Up (With Her Love)". The track will also appear on the movie "Drumline" soundtrack. Lance Bass was heading into space until he didn't meet his pay deadline, and the Russians Space Agency pulled him off his training. Then when a finalized sponsorship deal came from Pepsi, they put him back on training. Since he lost ten days from not training he will have to work sixteen hour days and weekends. Lance Bass may be going into space in April. Joey Fatone of Nsync is going on Broadway. He is performing in the play "Rent", and he is plays the main lead which is called "Great White Way." In one of the episodes of the television show "The Fairly Oddparents" Chris Kirkpatrick plays Chip Skylark who is the voice of a pop star that is kidnapped by the evil babysitter Vicky. He started a clothing line called "FuMan Sketto", and his spring and summer clothing line is coming out February 11.

Backstreet Boy Nick Carter went solo also. His first single was "Help me" and, another song he came out was "Do I have to cry for you." His new album called "Now and Never" came out October 29. Kevin Richardson will make his premiere on Broadway on January 20. He will be the main lead for play "Chicago", while Brian Littrell has been spending time with his wife and baby at home. Howie Dorough went to Boston Children's Hospital, and signed autographs for patients. He also promoted his Caroline Dorough-Cochran Lupus Foundation he founded after his sister died of lupus. Also a Vertias Medicine which is a website that provides information on lupus and more then 50 other diseases. AJ McLean who was in treatment last month for alcohol abuse, depression and anxiety, recently began care in Los Angles. They will begin touring again with him sometime in August.

We almost forget Britney Spears! Where as she been these past few months? We don't hear much about her anymore, I am here to find out where she is hiding! Well Britney still is doing some relaxing, but you might see her if you watch the Grammy's which will be live from New York's Madison Square Garden 8 o'clock pm on February 23.

Everyone's fifteen minutes of *shame*

BY DANIELLE COONTZ

Flipping through the channels during primetime on just about any week day, you're likely to see the majority of the stations showing people eating sheep brains, women competing for the affection of a "millionaire" construction worker, or a bunch of angry twenty-something's living in an overly lavish house for the sake of *not* getting along.

Reality TV, trash TV, and get rich quick shows are infiltrating the television waves more than ever. Old fears of the technology age and being spied on are now embraced and used to entertain millions every week in a variety of shows.

From the days of *When Animals Attack* and *Jerry Springer* to the era of *Joe Millionaire* and *Fear Factor*, people have been developing a fascination with exploiting themselves and others on major network television for money or a

small shot at fame. Even the famous themselves have joined in on the act. It's a dangerous venture that can either make you a figurehead (*The Osbournes*) or the laughing stock (*Celebrity Boot Camp*) of the industry.

What exactly is America's fascination with these so-called glimpses at real life? Is it the small glimmers of hope we get thinking, "that could be me"? Don't we all want our time in the spotlight...eating indistinguishable animal parts and crying uncontrollably about how horrible someone else in the house is being to us? It's good for a cheap laugh, but it's not all the glamour and fame one might think comes along with getting on television. The intentions of TV executives appear to be that of humiliating and unpleasant intent. Pitting people against one another on purpose and thinking up new ways

to embarrass them may seem tactless, but it's what sells. But people know what they're getting into, right? They sure do, and most of them don't care. Most are convinced this one shot series is going to catapult them into stardom and worship by millions of fans. Far from it, it sounds more like false advertising.

Perhaps the entire thing is part of the grand scheme the media has to keep people from thinking too much. Some might say the great "dumbing down of America" is charging full speed ahead in light of the new millennium. It does seem true that people read less and watch more soap operas, *Judge Judy*, and shows about out of control teens. But which is it? Are we cascading down a spiral of illiteracy and empty mindedness, or are we just having a good laugh and gross-out? You be the one to decide.

The Quaker

Mary-Fake and Scary Olsen

BY CASSIE NYKTAS



Barely teens in this picture and already looking like they're plotting world domination

Two of a Kind and the episodes of their newest series *So Little Time*. And if the three television series weren't enough to suck you into their perfect world, they make movies too. Lots of them. Although they seem to have basically the same story line, they travel to some really extravagant places, meet two boys (one for each), and get into some out of the ordinary trouble, only to leave the latest vacation spot breaking the young boys' hearts. So sad. Hello? Does anyone realize that it is always the same, exact movie, but they just go to different places and meet different boys? Every time this writer flips through the channels trying to find something better to watch find myself oddly drawn to their non-realistic lives and I hate them even more than when I started to watch. It must be the subliminal messages sent via television.

In essence they are much like that three-car pile up on the highway of life. One sees the flashing lights in the distance and knows most certainly that the source of the lights must be horrific. Drawing closer to the accident one repeatedly thinks "don't stare" or "look away," but then that evil voice inside reassures that it's never as bad as it seems, so people look, even gaze in awe only to see what they knew was there all along. Yes, horrendous carnage, body parts strewn about all over the barren highway. Such is the magnetic allure of the Olsen twins - don't say I never warned you!

A culture based on nostalgia

BY DANIELLE COONTZ

The turn of the millennium left us grasping for nostalgia wherever we could get our hands on it. Decades of the past have become a holy grail the new generation clings on to, even though we were probably too young or not alive to really remember what went on. Never-the-less, we've seen ourselves dress like the hippies, get misty eyed over *The Smurfs*, and wear platform shoes big enough to give us an extra half-foot in height.

The 80's, a decade that rings distantly in our memory, provide the most prolific sentiments and memories. As tacky and shameful as it may seem in retrospect, the decade of excess, greed, off-the-shoulder sweaters, and bad perms will probably always make you crack a smile. Everything about it was outrageous, over the top, and a little too radical for mainstream today, but it was good for the times. We needed nothing more than to lighten up for a little while after decades of heavy politics and deep seeded antagonism.

Today, we have no rhyme or reason and kids don't know what to listen to or how to dress. Everything changes so quickly. Products are shoved in our faces, and before we can process what it is exactly that we're supposed to want, it's out again and the next big thing has steamed its way through the assembly line. We are the youth culture who has nothing of its own except plastic princesses and puppet dancer boy toys. The indie rock evolution has hit now in small doses, but it's nothing big enough yet that will make our children look back and say "wow" about like the glam era, new wave dance, acid rock, Seattle grunge, synth pop, and hair bands of the past.

Unless we make it happen on our own, we can only sit back and hope something comes along that will define us. Perhaps we are defined by our ability to dredge up every subculture and fad of the past and compact them into a ten-year span. With trends and phases moving at hyper speed, it's no wonder we haven't yet figured out where our niche in youth culture is.

Girls' basketball ranked top twenty in state of Ohio for first time since '93-'94

BY CHRIS FRANK

This season has been an impressive one for the Salem High Quaker's basketball team. Early in this season the girls reeled off seven wins in a row, the third longest streak in school history and the best since the 1996-97 campaign. Currently, their record stands at 12-1. They are also 6-2 in the MAC, ranked for second place. Although the team is disappointed with the losses, which dropped them from their spot in the MAC, the season has still been successful.

With only two seniors on the squad, the team has to use its abundance of talent to make up for somewhat of a lack in experience. Seniors Allyson Cotter and Lauren Hamilton, as well as sophomore Sarah Hamilton, have stepped up to be-

come potent scoring threats, each averaging over ten points per game. Other contributors include sophomores Jessica Potts and Vanessa Kelly.

Senior Tiffanie Heestand expounded the team's thoughts on the first half of the season when she stated, "I feel that the first half of the season was outstanding. We have tremendous talent and when we play as a team, we dominate the floor. I feel that it is a good first half to look back on and should give us a boost for the second half." Fellow senior Abby Markovich agreed saying, "I feel we have played well as a team so far this season. We have so much talent on our team, and everybody has stepped up and made great contributions this season."

Junior Allyson Cotter added, "Our first half of the season definitely reflects all of our hard work during the summer and preseason."

The second half of the season will be challenging for the Quakers who play Howland and East Liverpool away and Struthers, Jefferson, and Cardinal Mooney at home. The team feels good about the rest of the season and can be summed up by Abby Markovich when she said, "I feel that if we keep working hard we should go far (in the tournament)." The team has set high goals for itself, which hopefully they will achieve. Tiffanie Heestand elaborated on these goals, explaining, "The MAC title is right in front of us, as are sectionals and districts. If we work hard and set our minds to

it, anything is possible."

The JV team is also having a successful season. They are currently 12-3 on the year and are led by Jessica Hamilton, Meredith Miles, and Jen Teal to name a few. Also, the freshmen girls' team is doing well this year. Currently they are 13-1 and are first in the MAC. With only seven players on the squad, they have done exceptionally well. Sarah Ravelli, one of the scoring leaders for the frosh team, expressed the team's feelings about the season saying, "We've met a lot of our expectations and we have beat some team's we didn't expect to beat."

The season has not only been a good one for all three girls' teams, it has also been a memorable

one for junior Allyson Cotter. On January 8 against Poland at home, Cotter broke Jana Stewart's record for most 3-point baskets in a career when she drained the 74th of her career. The old record of 73 was set in 1997. The team was ranked thirteenth in the state recently, their first state ranking since the 1993-1994 campaign. They are currently ranked fourteenth. The January 18 game against Poland was the 600th game played by a Salem girls' varsity basketball team since 1974-75, the year that the OHSAA became a sanctioned organization. The overall record of the girls is currently 383-218, which ranks them 16th in the state for most overall wins.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Angela Ventresco Cheerleading
Brandon Bowers Wrestling
Tiffanie Heestand Girls' B-ball
Matt Mowery Boys' B-ball

SPORTS POLL

OK, OK, OK. Who here hasn't heard of Akron St. Vincent-St. senior phenom LeBron James? In just a few words, this kid is a pretty fair basketball player. It is most likely that, if he were to skip college and go straight to the NBA, he would be the first overall pick. The pro contract would bring him financial security for life. One of the more interesting topics that has been brought up has been whether "LeBron James," as he is called (and has a tattoo to prove it), should forget about his education and go pro, or if he should go to college, get an education, get more experience, and then go pro. It's a pretty hot topic, which is why I went around asking the opinion of SHS students. I posed the question to them, "If you were LeBron James, would you take the money and go to the NBA or would you go to college?" Here is what a few students and one teacher had to say:

- Phanhpheng (12)-I would take the money and buy another Hummer
- Wolford (12)-I would go to college and get an education so that I could have something to fall back on in case I got injured
- Ieropoli (12)-I would go to the NBA and buy a Bentley
- Moffet (11)-I'd go to college
- Stillwell (10)-I'd go to the NBA
- Getzinger (10)-I'd go to the NBA
- Wagner (11)-I'd go the NBA for the money
- Sampson (12)-I'd have to say the NBA
- Mark Fowler (10)-I would go to the NBA for the money and fame
- O'Donnell and Kainani Lovette (10)-We would go to college
- Williams (11)-I would go to college, then the NBA
- Smith (11)-LeBron Who???
- Cramer (9)-I would take the millions and go to the NBA
- Grimm (9)-N-B-A!!
- Kenst (9)-I would go pro
- Alejars-I would go to college for three years and love every minute of it, then I would go pro

Boys' basketball looks to improve during second half of season

BY CHRIS FRANK

Since a 2-0 start, the boys' basketball team has been in a little bit of a funk. Currently the team has a record of 3-10. Recent games have included a win over Struthers, a homecoming loss to arch-rival Canfield, and a hard-fought loss to Minerva. The team is low on experience, with only one senior starting and only two healthy seniors on the roster. Most of the playing time has gone to the junior class, with Joe Smith, Zac Grey, TJ Decrow, and Landon Heath. Freshmen Tyler Pierce and Jarin Heath have also received valuable experience.

Although the first half of the season did not go as well as the team had hoped, the players are still optimistic and realistic about the rest of the season. Senior Derek Frederick commented, "I feel that our season

started out very strong. We have been on a little downfall, but we will recover and win some games. I'm really looking forward to the second half of the season. I expect to compete in every game we have left and make a strong push going into tournament play." Matt Mowery added, "Hopefully we can win some games to give us momentum going into the tournament. This is a young team so winning game in and game out can be tough." TJ Decrow agreed with Mowery and said, "This team is young and inexperienced. Hopefully we will play harder the rest of the year and gain confidence going into our tournament games." Joe Smith elaborated further stating, "We showed signs of improvement since last year. We all work together as a team and get along well. We will keep getting bet-

ter as the year progresses."

In JV action, the team has struggled at times this year but still has amassed a 4-9 record so far. Sophomore Alex Hergenroder commented on the team's performance so far, saying, "We got off to a slow start but we should start to pick it up over the rest of the season. (Our big problem has been that) we don't start to play our hardest until the fourth quarter."

The freshmen team has had their share of struggles so far also, which has led to a somewhat disappointing 3-9 record. The team has its fair share of talent and should get better with experience. With Tyler Pierce and Jarin Heath contributing more to the varsity team, the freshmen team has lost two of its better players, which has also contributed to its record.

Salem wrestlers use talent to compensate for inexperience

BY CHRIS FRANK

Another Salem High team that has been hurt by inexperience has been the wrestling team. A 2-5 record may sound as if the team has not done well, but, in essence, the team has shown signs of great things to come. With a number of underclassmen on the team, including a number of freshmen, the team has constantly had to compete against more experienced teams. The lack of experience has almost been erased by a strong work ethic and a tremendous amount of heart. The

talent is there, as is the hard work and dedication that is needed to take this team to the top. As is the case with not only sports, but also almost anything in life, experience will come with time.

Senior Gary Colian reaffirmed the facts explaining, "We have a young team with a lot of freshmen. We have improved dramatically as a team, especially the freshmen. The next few years should be extremely successful for Salem wrestling. The season-itself

doesn't matter as much as far as wins and losses because it is all about sectionals, districts, and the state meet. Hopefully we will see a good number of our wrestlers go far this year." Fellow senior Brandon Bowers described his feelings regarding the team by saying, "The freshmen have stepped it up ever since the Liberty match, and I expect them as well as the rest of the team to improve as the season goes on and we start sectionals."

Quaker Clips



Answer to Then and Now: All Matters